

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A customer registration method comprising the steps of:  
receiving customer information inclusive of information about a customer that purchased merchandise and information about the merchandise that the customer purchased, sent from the customer;

storing the received customer information onto a storage device and performing a customer registration as a purchaser of the merchandise;~~and~~

judging whether or not the customer has already performed a membership registration that is different from the customer registration and that can be performed even by a member who does not purchase merchandise;

transmitting information advising to perform ~~a~~the membership registration ~~different from the customer registration~~ to the customer who has not performed the membership registration yet, successively after completing the customer ~~registration,~~ registration; and

not transmitting the information advising to perform the membership registration to the customer who has already performed the membership registration, wherein

the membership registration is performed in order for the registered customer to receive a web service related to the merchandise that the customer purchased,~~and also can be performed by a member who does not purchase the merchandise.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The customer registration method set forth in claim 1, wherein the membership registration is a registration that is performed separately from the customer registration.

3. (Currently Amended) The customer registration method set forth in claim 1, wherein the customer information includes information about whether ~~a~~the customer is a corporation or an individual and only when the customer is an individual, information advising the membership registration is transmitted.

4-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The customer registration method set forth in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

~~receiving customer information inclusive of information about a customer that purchased merchandise and information about the merchandise that the customer purchased sent from the customer;~~

~~storing the received customer information onto a storage device;~~

~~performing a customer registration as a purchaser of merchandise;~~

~~receiving membership information for a~~the ~~membership registration different from the received customer information;~~

~~storing the received membership information onto a~~the ~~storage device and performing the membership registration different from the registered customer registration to receive a web service related to the merchandise that the customer purchased; and~~

~~updating registered information of one of the customer registration and the membership registration with new information with regard to information in common with the customer information and the membership information when the one of the customer registration and the membership registration has been already performed and the other of the customer registration and the membership registration is performed,~~ performed, wherein

~~the membership registration also can be performed by a member who does not purchase the merchandise.~~

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The customer registration method set forth in claim 1,  
further comprising the steps of:

~~receiving customer information inclusive of information about a customer that  
purchased merchandise and information about the merchandise that the customer purchased  
sent from the customer;~~

~~storing the received customer information onto a storage device;~~

~~performing a customer registration as a purchaser of merchandise;~~

~~receiving membership information for a~~ the membership registration ~~different  
from the received customer information;~~

~~storing the received membership information onto a~~ the storage device;

~~performing the membership registration different from the registered customer  
registration to receive a web service related to the merchandise that the customer purchased;~~

and

~~providing to a registration performer information about a registered item out of  
common items in the customer information and the membership information when either of  
the customer registration or the membership registration has been already performed and the  
other~~ membership registration is ~~performed, performed, wherein~~

~~the membership registration also can be performed by a member who does not  
purchase the merchandise.~~

9. (Previously Presented) The customer registration method set forth in claim 7,  
wherein, in a case where the information in common is blank data with regard to either of the  
registrations, the information in common is not updated at the time of the registration of the  
other of the customer registration and the membership registration when either of the  
customer registration or the membership registration has been already performed.

10. (Previously Presented) The customer registration method set forth in claim 7, wherein the customer registration and the membership registration is managed in a unified way.

11-14. (Canceled)

15. (Withdrawn) The customer registration or membership registration method set forth in claim 1, wherein the customer registration or the membership registration is a web customer registration or membership registration.

16-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The customer registration method set forth in claim 1, wherein

the customer registration is performed as a purchaser of a camera; and

the membership registration is performed to receive an on-line album service in that image data of the customer can be stored up to a certain capacity.

28. (Previously Presented) The customer registration method set forth in claim 7, wherein the information in common with the customer information and the membership information includes name information and address information of the customer.

29. (New) The customer registration method set forth in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving membership information for the membership registration;

storing the received membership information onto the storage device;

performing the membership registration;

providing to a registration performer information about a registered item out of common items in the customer information and the membership information when the customer registration has been already performed and the membership registration is performed; and

updating registered information of the customer registration with new information with regard to information in common with the customer information and the membership information.